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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Nile A. Lahr et al.  
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For: ANNULAR VENTING OF TIRE TREAD MOLD

Exr. Jacob T. Minskey  
Art Unit: 1791  
Confirmation No.: 1874

Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows.